

DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**GOVERNING BOARD**  
*of the*  
**DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**September 29, 2011**

**I. Call to Order.**

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority was called to order by Chair Jim Dodson, on September 29, 2011, at Santa Clarita City Hall, Santa Clarita, at 10:02 a.m.

**II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Jim Dodson, Chair; Richard Gould; Vice-Chair; and Kathy Weatherman. Quorum present.

Staff present: Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel, Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Diane Sacks, Board Secretary.

Fernando Gomez, Chief Ranger, MRCA, arrived subsequent to roll call.

Members of the Public present: Henry Schultz and Rick Purcell, Whitebird Real Estate Holdings, LLC.

**III. Election of Officers.**

The Vice-Chair nominated Jim Dodson for Chair.

Mr. Dodson was unanimously elected as Chair.

The Chair nominated Richard Gould for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Gould was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

**IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2010.**

On motion of Ms. Weatherman, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2010 were adopted.

The Chair announced Item VIII to be heard next.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of fee title on and over APN's 2561-007-010; 2561-007-012; 2561-007-007; 2401-032-008; 2561-033-002; 2561-033-003; 2562-004-011; 2562-005-003; 2562-005-004; 2562-005-006; 2562-005-007; 2401-032-003; 2401-032-005; 2401-032-006; 2401-032-007; 2561-009-005; 2561-009-006; 2561-009-010; 2561-009-012; 2561-009-016; 2545-018-004; 2546-010-009; 2561-007-013; 2545-018-002; 2546-010-005; 2561-007-016; 2561-007-018; 2561-007-019; 2561-007-021; 2561-007-022; 2562-004-008; 2401-034-003; 2561-009-007; 2561-009-013; 2561-009-015; 2561-033-001; 2562-004-006 (portion); 2562-004-014; 2562-006-005; 2562-006-008; 2562-003-012 (portion); 2562-003-015; and 2561-031-004, La Tuna Canyon, Verdugo Mountains, City of Los Angeles.**

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and Mr. Purcell.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Mr. Purcell.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Mr. Purcell.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and Mr. Purcell.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

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Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Purcell.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Vice-Chair, and Mr. Purcell.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 11-02 was unanimously adopted.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chair, and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Chair announced Item V to be heard next.

**V. Public comment on matters not appearing on the Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.**

No public comments were made on the agenda items or any other matter.

**VI. Report on recently acquired 480-acre Fairmont Butte mitigation property, including property management, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**

A report was given by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

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Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and the Chair.

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Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel, the Vice-Chair, the Chair, and the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Ms. Weatherman.

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Comments were made by the Chief Ranger, Ms. Weatherman, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing modification of contract with Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for administration, property maintenance, and restoration of the 480-acre Fairmont Butte mitigation property, and an advance of said funding, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Weatherman, the Chief Ranger, the Chair, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief Ranger, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of the Vice-Chair, duly seconded, Resolution 11-01 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for the Antelope Valley Area Plan.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Schultz, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair and Ms. Weatherman.

On motion of Ms. Weatherman, duly seconded, Resolution 11-03 was unanimously adopted.

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**X. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed hybrid wind project (Element Power), former Healy Ranch property, unincorporated Antelope Valley.**

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

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Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Weatherman.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chair, and the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, the Chief Staff Counsel, and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair, Ms. Weatherman, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

**XI. Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of approximately 81-acre conservation easement over Palmdale Water District property.**

Comments were made by the Chair and the Chief Ranger.

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Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Chair.

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Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chief Ranger.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Chief Ranger.

**XII. Discussion and possible action regarding Kern County photovoltaic project mitigation conservation easement.**

Comments were made by the Chair and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

**XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), and U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project.**

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chief Ranger.

Questions were propounded by the Vice-Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Vice-Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Comments were made by the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Ms. Weatherman, duly seconded, Resolution 11-04 was unanimously adopted.

**XIV. Statements, responses, questions or directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.**

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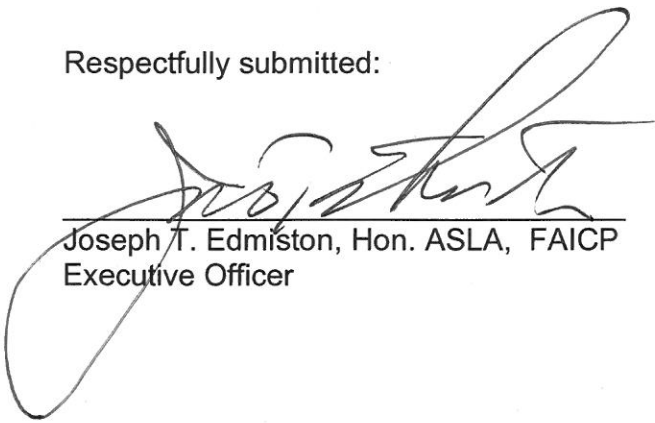
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Comments were made by the Vice-Chair and the Chair.

**XV. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.**

Chair announced the next regular scheduled DMCA meeting is December 14, 2011. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Joseph T. Edmiston, Hon. ASLA, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Approved:



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Jim Dodson  
Chair